

Proclamation

WHEREAS, pictures of Joplin after it was struck by the deadliest tornado in Missouri's history on May 22, 2011, and pictures of Joplin and its inspiring recovery, represent the strength and resiliency of the people of Joplin; and

WHEREAS, a smart phone, as recommended by Savannah Mandeville of Webb City, has become a ubiquitous piece of technology impacting Missourians' daily lives; and

WHEREAS, a key to the Missouri State Capitol represents unlocking the past and opening a door to the future; and

WHEREAS, coal from Barton County, Missouri represents a fuel used to generate electricity and sandstone and silica sand from Jefferson County represent natural resources used in oil and gas production as well as in producing photovoltaic cells to harness renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, a Harry S. Truman Presidential \$1 coin, as recommended by Dean Sherrill of Columbia, represents America's 33rd President who was born in Lamar, Missouri in 1884 and led our nation through the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, emblems of Ford, Chevrolet and GMC represent vehicles made in Missouri which received national recognition in 2015, including the new Ford F-150 being named the 2015 North American Truck of the Year; General Motor's Chevrolet Colorado being named the 2015 Motor Trend Truck of the Year; and the GMC Canyon being picked as Autoweek's 2015 Best of the Best Truck Award; and

WHEREAS, baseballs signed by the defending American League Champion Kansas City Royals and the defending National League Central Division Champion St. Louis Cardinals, as recommended by Joyce Chastona of Moberly, represent the sport and tradition of baseball, America's pastime; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Parks Trails book represents Missouri being named the "Best Trails State" by American Trails, a national, nonprofit organization working on behalf of the nation's hiking, biking and riding trails; and

WHEREAS, native Missouri plant seeds, as recommended by Julie Harker of Jefferson City and Kimberly Odom of Perryville, represent Missouri's rich outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, a Flag of Freedom Award represents Missouri's commitment to our veterans and the Show-Me Heroes program, which was established by Gov. Nixon in January 2010 and helps connect military veterans with job opportunities when they return home from service; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Frank Buckles' obituary represents Frank W. Buckles who was born Feb. 1, 1901, on his parents' farm in Bethany, Mo. and at the time of his death in 2011 was the last surviving American veteran of World War I; and

WHEREAS, photographs of the C-130H aircraft from the Missouri Air National Guard's 139th Airlift Wing at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base in St. Joseph, and the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber of the U.S. Air Force's 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, as recommended by Laura Neel of Ironton, represent the significant military assets located in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, an official Missouri Manual, commonly referred to as a Missouri Blue Book, as recommended by Michelle Gerstner of Jefferson City, is a biennial publication of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office and represents Missouri's current government, culture, and history; and

WHEREAS, an official Governor's Challenge coin represents Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon who was elected by Missourians as their 55th Governor on Nov. 4, 2008 with the highest margin of victory for a non-incumbent governor in 44 years and was the first Governor in nearly two decades elected to a second term on Nov. 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the original Bible from the 1915 time capsule, as recommended by Shannon Hance of Holts Summit; represents the religious beliefs of many Missourians; and

WHEREAS, a current roster of members of the Missouri House of Representatives and Missouri State Senate represents the Missouri General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Missouri Quarter, as recommended by Lisa Reilmann of Festus, represents currency, commerce and Missouri history with its depiction of Lewis and Clark and the St. Louis Gateway Arch; and

WHEREAS, photographs of the current Fulton State Hospital and artist renderings of the new hospital which is under construction represent Missouri's moral obligation to provide citizens suffering from severe mental illness the best care and treatment possible, in a safe and secure therapeutic environment; and

WHEREAS, an advertisement from a local grocer, as recommended by Alexandria Koettters of Jefferson City, represent the current costs of common items like milk, eggs and bread, purchased daily by Missouri families; and

WHEREAS, a DVD, as recommended by Erik Thurman of Jefferson City, specifically a DVD of The Battle of Island Mound, a film produced by Missouri State Parks which depicts the first African-American Union regiment to ever see combat in the Civil War, represents a common format on which home entertainment is provided; and

WHEREAS, a Jefferson City Visitors Guide, as recommended by Marrienne Thies of Jefferson City, represents Missouri's Capital City and its attractions, and

WHEREAS, a copy of Geologic Wonders and Curiosities of Missouri, a book published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as recommended by Phillip Streamer of Rolla, represents many of Missouri's unique natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a current copy of the Missouri Constitution, as recommended by David Welch of Jefferson City, represents the supreme state law of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, a map of Missouri highways, as recommended by Anna Offutt of Holts Summit, represents the seventh-largest highway system in America and the 800 miles of railroad tracks, 1,379 miles of Interstates, 125 public-use airports and 15 public ports located within the state; and

WHEREAS, sheet music for the 'Missouri Waltz', as recommended by John Wienema of Jefferson City, represents the official state song of Missouri which is also played by the University of Missouri's Marching Mizzou at every home football game; and

WHEREAS, a brochure for the Missouri State Penitentiary, as recommended by Katherine Reed of Jefferson City, represents a historic landmark which contributed to Jefferson City remaining the State Capital when in 1831 Governor John Miller suggested a prison be built in the city to solidify its status as the seat of government; and

WHEREAS, a current picture of the State Capitol building, as recommended by Kathleen Wilcoxson of Jefferson City, represents the historic building on its centennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, a sheet of 'Forever' postal stamps, as recommended by Marcia Sterling of Rolla, represents the United States Postal Service, specifically stamps commemorating Medal of Honor recipients from the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, a 100 Missouri Miles medal, as recommended by Marcia Sterling of Rolla, represents the Governor's 100 Missouri Miles Challenge which Gov. Nixon began in 2013 to encourage all Missourians to complete 100 miles of physical activity each year; and

WHEREAS, a copy of The Art of the Missouri Capitol by Bob Priddy, as recommended by Mike Lear of Jefferson City, represents the priceless art and architecture of the State Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, a coin commemorating General Pershing, as recommended by Denzil Heaney of Laclede, represents John J. Pershing who was born on a farm near Laclede on Sept. 13, 1860 and later attended the North Missouri Normal School, now called Truman State University, and who later went on to lead the American Expeditionary Forces to victory in World War I; and

WHEREAS, copies of various Missouri newspapers, as recommended by Samona Kosfeld of Boonville, represent the current events of our time in a format that is being increasingly replaced by technology; and

WHEREAS, several patches from the Missouri National Guard represent the citizen soldiers and airmen who protect us abroad and keep us safe at home; and

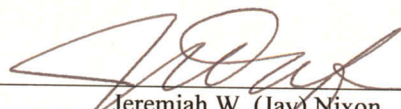
WHEREAS, a panoramic photograph of the crowd attending the Missouri State Capitol Cornerstone Centennial Celebration on Friday, July 3, 2015 represents the culmination of the above mentioned items as they depict Missouri life in 2015 and significant historical moments in the past century.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim

THIS TIME CAPSULE TO REMAIN SEALED UNTIL 2115

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of July, 2015.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State